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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER  
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM  
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

MORE ON EXPECTED OPEC OIL PRICE INCREASES: CIA BELIEVES THAT, CONSIDERING RECENT ADJUSTMENTS IN NEGOTIATING POSITIONS, OPEC MEMBERS WILL AGREE ON AN OIL PRICE INCREASE OF 1) TO 15 PERCENT, ROUGHLY \$1 TO \$1.50 PER BARREL FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR. THE TWO LEADING CARTEL STATES -- IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA -- WERE SERIOUSLY DIVIDED ON THE ISSUE LAST WEEK, BUT EACH HAS SINCE BEGUN TO COMPROMISE. CIA BELIEVES THAT A SOLUTION WILL BE WORKED OUT BY SEPTEMBER 24, WHEN THE OPEC MEMBERS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET IN VIENNA.

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JEREMIAH GILEARY REPORTS THAT YOUR EXPLANATION TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS OF YOUR COMMITMENT TO DEPLOY 200 AMERICAN VOLUNTEER CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS AS MONITORS OF THE SINAI INTERIM PEACE AGREEMENT TODAY APPEARED TO ASSURE APPROVAL OF THE SCHEME. IT WAS APPARENT AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND ON CAPITOL HILL YESTERDAY AND TODAY THAT THE LEGISLATORS INTEND TO QUESTION YOU AND YOUR AIDES THOROUGHLY SO THAT NO DETAIL OF THE AGREEMENTS, WRITTEN OR VERBAL, REMAINS UNKNOWN TO THEM. (A-1)

VERNON GUIDRY JR. REPORTS THAT AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BUTZ HAS GIVEN NEW AMMUNITION TO CRITICS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S EMBARGO ON NEW SALES OF GRAIN TO THE SOVIET UNION, AND IN DOING SO HE HAS INTENSIFIED THE POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC DILEMMA THAT THE ISSUE PRESENTS TO THE WHITE HOUSE. (A-6)

CARL T. ROWAN WRITES THAT YOU RETURNED TO WASHINGTON ONCE AGAIN DRAPED IN THE ROBES OF THE MIRACLE WORKER. YOU PROBABLY HAVE COME HOME TO A SERIES OF WRONG-HEADED, CONFUSING-NATION DEBATES. SOME PEOPLE WILL WANT TO ARGUE ABOUT HOW MUCH CREDIT YOU ARE DUE PERSONALLY FOR APPARENTLY AVERTING -- OR DELAYING -- ANOTHER MIDDLE EAST WAR. IT IS PATENTLY OBVIOUS THAT YOU DESERVE MOST OF THE PRAISE FOR WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU HAVE ACHIEVED. A SECOND DIVISIVE BUT MEANINGLESS DEBATE MAY TAKE PLACE IN CONGRESS OVER THE WISDOM OF POSTING SOME 150 AMERICAN CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS IN A UN SUPERVISED AREA OF THE SINAI TO MAN SYSTEMS WHICH WILL GIVE EARLY WARNING THAT ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER SEEMS ABOUT TO ATTACK. EQUALLY TRIFLING IS THE ARGUMENT THAT THE 150 AMERICANS MIGHT BECOME "HOSTAGES" IN SOME FUTURE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT. WHAT CONGRESS OUGHT TO BE PROBING IS WHETHER YOU HAVE BOUGHT HALF A HIGHWAY TO PEACE, OR WHETHER YOU HAVE SIMPLY CAMOUFLAGED THE ROAD TO A BIGGER, MORE TRAGIC MIDDLE EAST WAR. SO THE ONLY NATIONAL DEBATE WORTH ENGAGING IN IS: "WHAT HAVE WE BOUGHT?" PROBABLY NEITHER YOU NOR ANYONE ELSE REALLY KNOWS. (A-13)

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